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This communication responds to an Office Action dated July 20, 2006, for the patent application identified above.

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AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this Response.

A Listing of Claims, which begins on page 4 of this Response, contains no Amendments to Claims 1-27 as originally filed on September 5, 2000. The Listing of Claims does, however amend independent claim 28, and cancels dependent claim 29.

There are no Amendments to the Drawings.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this Response.